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SUBJECT: CSCE: GREEK OPPOSITION TO YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL
ON AUTONOMY FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES

GENEVA FOR CSCE DELEGATION

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, MFA'S BALKAN DESK OFFICER (VAGENAS)
TODAY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT MFA HAD INSTRUCTED CHARGE
NOMIKOS TO EXPLAIN GOG POSITION TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DAVIES IN WASHINGTON.

2. AS BACKGROUND VAGENAS STRESSED THAT GREEK CONCERN
ABOUT YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL, WHICH IS CAST IN GENERAL TERMS,
RELATES ONLY TO TURKISH MINORITY IN WESTERN THRACE AND
NOT TO SLAVOPHONE MINORITY IN NORTHERN GREECE WHICH GOG
DOES NOT RECOGNIZE AS ETHNIC GROUP. GREEK CSCE
DELEGATION HAD REPORTED THAT OTHER NATO MEMBERS SUCH AS
ITALY, FRANCE AND UK ALSO OPPOSED YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL.

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3. VAGENAS REITERATED GOG'S VIEW THAT ADEQUATE MACHINERY ALREADY EXISTED FOR DEALING WITH RIGHTS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES IN FORM OF MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, ADDING THAT ADOPTION OF YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL COULD PRESAGE A RETURN TO MINORITY PROBLEMS WHICH PLAGUED EASTERN EUROPE AND BALKANS BETWEEN THE WARS. HE SAID GOG HOPED US WOULD SUPPORT GOG EFFORTS TO BURY YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL PROCEDURALLY AT GENEVA AND AVOID SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS ON YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL.
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